It is in contemplation to extend the sphere of usefulness of this institution by making it the training ground for teachers who after they have had a good grounding in the theory and practice of agriculture will be sent out to teach the subject in the primary schools.

31. **The Maharajah's College and High School.** Students are prepared for the B. A. Degree, the optional subjects taught being Mathematics, Advanced Chemistry, Philosophy and History. 420 graduates have passed out from the College.

Last year's B. A. results were as follows :—

	Appeared.	Passed.
English Branch	35	25
Second Language	38	31
Optional	38	24

The expenditure in the College Department exceeded the fee income by Rs. 41,917. In the High School Department the fee income exceeded the expenditure by Rs. 2,463.

32. **Special Education. The Law College.** Till 1894 there was a Law Class attached to the Arts College. In that year a separate Law College was established. It prepares students for the local Pleadership Examination and for the F. L. and B. L. Examinations of the Madras University.

Last year, the strength of the College fell from 149 to 120. 31 students appeared for the B. L Degree Examination of whom 6 passed, 34 for the F. L. of whom 12 passed and 47 for the Pleadership Examination of whom 27 passed.

The expenditure amounted to Rs. 18,934 and the fee income was Rs. 9,616 thus entailing a net cost to Government of Rs. 9,318. Government have during the year made the College a self-supporting one by reducing the honorariums paid to lecturers and by slightly raising the fees.

The Sanscrit College. This was opened in 1889 with 150 pupils. Last year the strength was 180. Three examinations the Sastri, Upadhyaya and Mahopadhyaya are annually held. The cost to Government in 1079 was Rs. 8,833.

The Reformatory was established in 1894. There were 10 inmate last year. The cost to Government was Rs. 2,411. The Superintendent's pay alone amounted to Rs. 1,200 a year. It was found possible to provide a less costly establishment to supervise this institution.

33. **State Life Insurance.** The scheme came into force in the beginning of 1898. The business was until last year conducted by a Committee consisting of the Durbar Physician as ex-officio President and 4 members, with a Secretary.

The Committee was abolished in the middle of last year and the working of the scheme was transferred to the Huzur and placed under the Chief Secretary, assisted by one of his Assistants.

The revival of the Committee is under consideration, as it is not desirable to burden the Secretariat with this work.

34. **Mining.** There has been no Geological Survey of the State. Government have sent to England a Graduate in Arts to study Mining. The only minerals worked now are plumbago and mica. In 1079 there were 3 mines working in plumbago. The Sircar realised by way of royalty and export duty on plumbago a sum of Rs. 8,750. The royalty is 4 Rs. and 6 Rs. per ton according to the quality of the plumbago mined. Mica was very scarce and the income to the Sirkar was only Rs. 30-13-6.

35. **Finance.** You may be aware that with a view to improve the system of Finance and Accounts a Committee had been appointed some three years ago. The Committee had made considerable progress in the drafting of a Code, but His Highness felt that it would take a long time for the Code to be finally adopted and

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